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1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

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